

IC 9-18-19

Chapter 19. Purple Heart License Plates

IC 9-18-19-1 Version a

Design and issuance

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 1. (a) The bureau shall design a license plate that will designate a vehicle as being registered to a person who has received a Purple Heart decoration that is awarded to a person who suffers an injury while serving as a member of the armed forces of the United States.

(b) The bureau may issue a license plate designed under subsection (a) to the following types of vehicles:

- (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- (2) A truck with a declared gross weight of at least seven thousand (7,000) pounds but less than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
- (3) A recreational vehicle.
- (4) A motorcycle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.262-2013, SEC.82.

IC 9-18-19-1 Version b

Design and issuance

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 1. (a) The bureau shall design a license plate that will designate a vehicle as being registered to a person who has received a Purple Heart decoration that is awarded to a person who suffers an injury while serving as a member of the armed forces of the United States.

(b) Upon proper application, the bureau may modify a license plate designed under subsection (a) to designate a vehicle as being registered to a person who is:

- (1) described in subsection (a); and
- (2) eligible to be issued:
 - (A) a placard under IC 9-14-5; or
 - (B) a person with a disability registration plate under IC 9-18-22.

(c) The bureau may issue a license plate designed under subsection (a) or modified under subsection (b) to the following types of vehicles:

- (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- (2) A truck with a declared gross weight of at least seven thousand (7,000) pounds but less than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
- (3) A recreational vehicle.
- (4) A motorcycle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.262-2013, SEC.82; P.L.216-2014, SEC.42.

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Eligibility

Sec. 2. A resident of Indiana who is a recipient of a Purple Heart decoration may apply for and receive one (1) or more Purple Heart plates.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-19-2.5

Parking privileges

Sec. 2.5. (a) An individual who qualifies for a Purple Heart license plate under section 1 of this chapter may not be charged the following:

(1) A fee for parking the individual's motor vehicle displaying the license plate issued under section 1 of this chapter in a metered space.

(2) A penalty for parking the individual's motor vehicle displaying the license plate issued under section 1 of this chapter in a metered space for longer than the time permitted.

(b) This section does not authorize parking of a motor vehicle in places where parking is not allowed at any time or at a specified time if the prohibition is posted and authorized by ordinances in cities and towns or by order of the Indiana department of transportation.

(c) A person other than the owner of the motor vehicle displaying a Purple Heart license plate authorized by this chapter is not entitled to the parking privileges authorized by this section.

As added by P.L.262-2013, SEC.83.

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Display

Sec. 3. A Purple Heart license plate must be displayed on a vehicle registered by a person described in section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-19-4

False application; improper use of plate; Class C misdemeanor

Effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 4. (a) A person who knowingly and falsely professes to have the qualifications to obtain a license plate under section 1(b) of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(b) A person who owns a motor vehicle bearing a license plate issued under section 1(b) of this chapter when the person knows that the person is not entitled to a license plate issued under section 1(b) of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.216-2014, SEC.43.